



## Green Beyond Gray Webinar Series

# Quantifying the Benefits of Trees

## An Overview and Introduction to i-Tree

### i-Tree Overview

i-Tree is a state-of-the-art, peer-reviewed software suite from the USDA Forest Service that provides urban forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools. The i-Tree Tools help communities of all sizes to strengthen their urban forest management and advocacy efforts by quantifying the structure of community forests and the environmental services that trees provide.

Since the initial release of the i-Tree Tools in August 2006, numerous communities, non-profit organizations, consultants, volunteers and students have used i-Tree to report on individual trees, parcels, neighborhoods, cities, and even entire states. By understanding the local, tangible ecosystem services that trees provide, i-Tree users can link urban forest management activities with environmental quality and community livability. Whether your interest is a single tree or an entire forest, i-Tree provides baseline data that you can use to demonstrate value and set priorities for more effective decision-making.

**What:** Free webinar

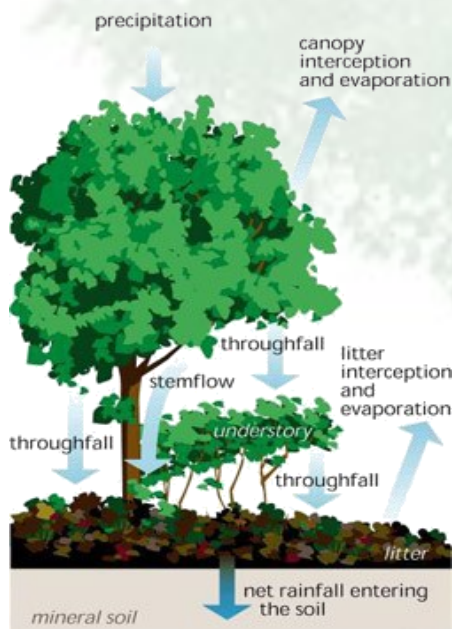
**When:** Thursday, May 30, 2013  
2:30 PM—4:00 PM

**Where:** Your computer

**RSVP:** <http://tinyurl.com/vtgii-itree1>

*(weblink and call-in details to follow,  
please RSVP by May 24)*

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### About the Presenter: Al Zelaya, Urban Forester

Al Zelaya is an Urban Forester for The Davey Institute. His responsibilities include development, research, training, website administration and providing technical support for domestic and international i-Tree projects. Zelaya has over 13 years of experience working in urban forestry, arboriculture and natural areas management at the state, county and local levels. Al is an ISA certified arborist and serves as a member of the instructor cadre for the Society of Municipal Arborists' (SMA) Municipal Forestry Institute (MFI) program.

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*A follow-up webinar on using i-Tree Hydro to model green infrastructure is planned for June. More information is forthcoming.*